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Furman alumni news

Partnering for the greater good

The presence of a college in a town has a positive effect on the quality of life in that town. Having a top liberal arts college magnifies that positive effect.

Through my work with Furman and the Greenville community, I am constantly reminded of the contributions the university makes to northwestern South Carolina.

Furman employs more than 700 people. Many have spouses who work in the community and children who attend local public and private schools. An economic impact study done several years ago by our Office of Institutional Research found that Furman contributes \$200 million a year to the Upstate economy.

But Furman's faculty and staff do not live and work in isolation. They are involved in volunteer work and other ventures, from singing in church choirs and local performing ensembles to coaching youth sports teams and assisting in outreach programs. Alumni make a huge contribution through their work as doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers and merchants.

Our 2,600 students are active in the community as well, as interns and volunteers and in a host of other ways. And it is hard to go into a local restaurant or store on the weekend and not see a group of Furman students.

Speaking of which, I wish that all alumni could get to know a current student. I am humbled to watch these fine young people as they follow in our footsteps.

Developing a relationship with a current student is a wonderful way to stay connected to alma mater. When you get the chance, seize the opportunity to talk with a Furman student. You will be impressed.



One way alumni and friends can get to know students is through a scholarship program called Partners. The focus of this program is relationships; those who establish Partners Scholarships form a lasting bond with their scholarship recipients throughout their years at Furman.

The Partners Scholars receive much more than financial support, however. Their sponsors serve as mentors, advisors and encouragers who invite them to dinner, provide care packages and send cards on their birthdays.

In turn, the donors watch their scholars mature through their college years. They see their investment in action through community service, campus involvement and academic success. In many ways, Partners donors receive more than they give.

As Tom Farmer '50 says, "Participating in the Partners program has been a life-changing experience. These young people have brought joy to my life, and it does me a lot of good to see them pursuing their goals. I'm glad to be a part of their lives — I keep in touch during the year and always look forward to hearing from each of them."

To learn more about the program, contact Renee Sicchitano, assistant to the stewardship director, at (864) 294-2173 or e-mail renee.sicchitano@furman.edu.

— Tom Triplitt '76

Director, Alumni Association

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Get lost in the Alumni Association Web

If it's been a while since you've surfed to the Alumni Association Web page at <http://alumni.furman.edu>, or even if you're already enjoying some of its features, we invite you to explore its many avenues.

For starters, the alumni page is a great place to learn about classmates and to update your personal information so that others may find you. You may also include photos of yourself, family and friends. If you own a business and would like to advertise to alumni, you can list it under "Alumni Businesses." And if you're looking for a new job, check out the "Career Center" link.

The Web is also a great resource in determining which Furman Club is closest to you and what events are planned for your area. You can register for all events on-line, using a credit card.

As Homecoming 2006 approaches (save the dates: October 20-22), the alumni page is the perfect place to register and find up-to-date information about hotels and restaurants, reunion plans and football game tickets. If your class is in reunion this year (class years ending in 1 or 6), tell us what you'd like to do at Homecoming by filling out one of our Web-based surveys.

Interested in volunteering for Furman? The Web page explains how you can become involved in the work of the Alumni Board, Young Alumni Council, Furman Clubs and reunion committees. Did you have a recent wedding, birth, job announcement or personal accomplishment? The Web page is a great place to post your news.

We've still just scratched the surface when it comes to all the Web might offer. We encourage you to visit the alumni page often — and then let us know how we can improve it. Please send comments and suggestions to Melanie Krone Armstrong '94 at melanie.armstrong@furman.edu.

Furman Club update

Welcome to two new Furman Clubs in Texas! Meagan Anderson '04 and Julie Crossland Jones '92 hosted a gathering in March for Austin-area alumni and parents, while Shannon Tumblin '99 hosted a similar gathering in the Fort Worth area.

Furman Clubs were active throughout the spring with career networking events, receptions for the Furman Singers, baseball pre-game festivities and the annual Coaches Tour.

And now, the Furman Club program is expanding its overseas connections. The Alumni Association is setting up a virtual Furman Club for the British Isles and continental Europe; it joins the Asia Furman Club as part of Furman's international network. For more information, visit the Alumni Association Web page and click on the Furman Club link.

To learn more about Furman Clubs in general, contact Jane Dungan, associate director of the Alumni Association, at jane.dungan@furman.edu.

CLASS NOTES SPRING 06

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Next reunion in 2009

Carolyn Queen Barker of Spencer, N.C. has become head of school at North Hills Christian Academy, an independent day school that serves 250 students. She has been an educator for 34 years, including 17 at North Hills. She previously served as the school's high school principal for 12 years.

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Next reunion in 2009

First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Inc., has promoted **Thomas Nolen** of Charleston, S.C., to area market executive. He was previously the bank's retail relationship manager.

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Next reunion in 2010

Doug Ludlum was honored in January for 25 years of service as organist and choirmaster of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Charleston, S.C. In his honor, composer Thomas White was commissioned to write a special concertate setting of the hymn tune "Westminster Abbey" on the text "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation." The work for organ, brass quartet, handbells, choir and congregation was premiered Easter Sunday at St. Matthew's. ■ In January, the board of Shorter College in Rome, Ga., unanimously approved the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee and elected **Harold Newman** as the school's 18th president. He had served as interim president since January 2005 and had been provost and head of the school's academic division for 20 years.

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This year is reunion!

Charles E. Carpenter, Jr., a shareholder in the Columbia, S.C., law firm of Richardson, Plowden, Carpenter & Robinson, P.A., is president elect of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, an organization that promotes the highest standards and practices of appellate advocacy and recognizes outstanding appellate lawyers.

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Next reunion in 2008

Bob Sapp has left high school football coaching after 38 years to become director of athletics for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County (N.C.) School System.

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Next reunion in 2009

Betty Fields Ramey of Florence, S.C., an associate professor of English at Francis Marion University, has been inducted into the university's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest academic honor society.

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This year is reunion!

David Strawn of Charlotte, N.C., was honored by the Carolinas Golf Association as the 2005 senior men's player of the year.

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Next reunion in 2007

Bill Bellinger, professor and director of graduate studies in the religion department at Baylor University, has been named chair of the department. ■ **Bill Broadway** has started a fine art printmaking business in Wilmington, N.C., with a focus on photography. He was a newspaper journalist

for 24 years, most recently as religion page writer and editor for *The Washington Post*.

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Next reunion in 2008

John Holcomb, chair and chief executive officer of Alabama National Bancorporation, has been re-appointed to a three-year term as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Birmingham branch. He serves on the boards of the United Way of Central Alabama, the Alabama Bankers Association and the Birmingham Better Business Bureau.

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Next reunion in 2010

Centek Industries Inc. in Thomasville, Ga., has named **Jane Kimbrough Guy** corporate marketing manager. She had been the company's marketing director for environmental products.

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This year is reunion!

Mike Duncan, Distinguished Research Professor of Chemistry at the University of Georgia, received the 2005 Charles H. Stone Award from the Carolina-Piedmont section of the American Chemical Society. The award is presented annually to the most outstanding chemist in the Southeast. Mike is senior editor of the school's *Journal of Physical Chemistry*. ■ Greenville First Bank has hired **Richard Furman** as a senior vice president. His previous experience includes the Chemical Bank in New York, Southern Bank and Trust, South Carolina National Bank and, most recently, Regions Bank. ■ **Teresa Bly Garrick** has been named general manager of clinical

operations for Vaughn, Buchanan, Shelley and Associates of Greenville, a physical therapy group. ■

Terry Hall Hanna has accepted a call as pastor of Bryson City (N.C.) Presbyterian Church.

■ **Jeanne Tuck Peckham** is vice president of insurance services at Hartford Insurance Company in Columbia, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2007

The Pleasure Was Mine, the critically acclaimed novel by **Tommy Hays**, has been released in paperback by St. Martin's Griffin. It was also featured on the National Public Radio program "Radio Reader" in late May.

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Next reunion in 2008

BIRTH: **Douglas** and **Lisa Roberts**, a son, Cole Lamar, January 13, 2005, San Francisco, Calif. Doug is chief executive officer of Avolent.

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Next reunion in 2010

Jo Bueker Devon has become marketing coordinator with PropertyBoss Solutions in Greenville. ■ **Richard Longo** has returned from a year in Iraq, where he commanded the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division Artillery and helped to rebuild the Iraqi Ministries of Education and Commerce.

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This year is reunion!

In recognition of outstanding public service, former South Carolina 10th Circuit Solicitor **Druanne Dykes White** of Anderson received the Order of the Palmetto in January. The award is South Carolina's highest civilian honor. Druanne was in the 10th

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Circuit Solicitor's Office for 18 years and held the solicitor's post from 2001 to 2005. ■ **Lisa Parsons Herndon** of Atlanta was recently named director of operational excellence reporting to the chief of staff for Cingular Wireless. She also played French horn with the Atlanta Wind Symphony in its Carnegie Hall debut.

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Next reunion in 2007

Elizabeth Crawford has been appointed assistant professor of clarinet at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She is completing a doctorate at Florida State University. ■ **Lisa Reece** is owner of Extraordinary Eventz, a full-service event planning company in Southwest Florida that offers complete planning services for weddings, social celebrations and corporate events.

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Next reunion in 2008

BIRTHS: **Chip** and **Gina Brock**, a daughter, Rebecca, February 27, Greenville. ■ **Alan Thomas** and **Allyn Hernandez**, a son, Nicholas Evan Thomas, August 24, Summit, N.J. Alan practices pediatrics and adolescent medicine and is on the board of directors of Summit Medical Group. Allyn is a radiologist specializing in women's imaging.

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Next reunion in 2009

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has appointed **Dan Sleet** of Tampa as a Circuit Court Judge in Hillsborough County. He has been initially assigned to a felony criminal division. ■ **Steve Smith** became pastor of Cavins Baptist Church in Woodruff, S.C., in October. He previously served Holly Grove Baptist Church in Laurens, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2010

Loren Matthews Collins owns Legacy Wellness Systems in Gainesville, Ga. ■ After 16 years as an educational therapist in DeKalb County, Ga., **Dave Fuza** accepted a position at Coastal Academy in Kingsland, Ga., as a family services coordinator. He works with students with severe emotional and behavioral disorders, serves as a liaison between the school and parents, and works with the school's principal and staff to bring innovative ideas to supplement the curriculum.

■ **BIRTH:** **David** '86 and **Susan Lewis Ellis**, a daughter, Ansley, November 17. David is executive vice president of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders' Association and Susan is national sales manager with Global Associates, Inc.

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This year is reunion!

Preston Smith, an organist and choral conductor and associate director of music at New York's St. Bartholomew's Church, played for the wedding of celebrity Star Jones, which aired on "Inside Edition," and for the funeral service of Mrs. Walter Cronkite. Last fall he appeared as a musician on several episodes of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." ■ **BIRTH:** **David** and **Lyn Boyd Judson**, a daughter, Georgia Barksdale, September 28. Lyn has earned a Ph.D. in international relations from the University of Southern California, where she is an adjunct faculty member at the Annenberg School of Journalism.

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Next reunion in 2010

Christopher Brasher of Alpharetta, Ga., has been appointed to the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit by Georgia Gov.

Sonny Perdue. Christopher was previously senior assistant attorney general with the Georgia Department of Law. ■ **William** and **Natasha Butts** live in Augusta, Ga., where he is a nuclear medicine technologist at University Hospital. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Rob** and **Mary Beth Calvert DiFrancesco**, twin sons, Austin Matthew and Avery James, January 7, Denver, Colo. Rob is vice president of information technology for TransMontaigne Product Services.

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Next reunion in 2008

Lauren Hopper Beaulieu has been elected president and chief executive officer of Saratoga Labs in Schuylerville, N.Y. She serves on the advisory board of Saratoga National Bank and Trust Co. ■ **Benjamin Midulla** is sales manager with Star Electric in Alpharetta, Ga. ■ **BIRTH:** **Jim** and **Keri Lawton**, a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, April 16, 2005, Orlando, Fla. Jim is a psychiatry specialty manager with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and Keri is a neuroscience specialty representative with Novartis.

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Next reunion in 2009

George Ridings of Richmond, Ky., was named 2005 Agent of the Year in the Kentucky General Office of New York Life Insurance Company. In addition, he was named a member of New York Life's 2005 President's Council, which consists of the leading performers in the company's sales force. He is also the 2006 president-elect of the Battle of Richmond Association. ■ **Saul Ewing LLP** in Philadelphia, Pa., has elected **Deborah Landan Spranger** a partner in the firm. She is special counsel in the business department and co-chair of the Technology Transactions and IP Practice Group in the

firm's Chesterbrook office.

■ **BIRTHS:** **Glenn** and **Laura Harkey Baldwin**, a son, Lincoln Blackwell, November 10, Pittsburgh, Pa. ■ **Greg** and **Samantha Reed Hathorn**, a daughter, Jasper Elizabeth, September 27, Huntsville, Ala. Both Greg and Samantha work at Sirsi, a library automation company. ■ **Steve** and **Valerie Miller Maloof**, a daughter, Amelia Therese, May 27, 2005, Atlanta.

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Next reunion in 2010

MARRIAGE: **Kelly Kirkpatrick** and **Mike McWhorter**, December 31. They live in Greenwood, S.C., where Kelly is director of membership development and public relations at the Greenwood Area Chamber of Commerce and Mike works for Cutler-Hammer. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Wayne** and **Nina Landow Knox**, a son, Benjamin Keith, December 28, Anderson, S.C. ■ **Jeffrey** and **Shirley Raymond**, a daughter, Pender Grace, June 2, 2005. Jeffrey is pastor of First Baptist Church of Hopewell, Va.

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This year is reunion!

Off-Broadway's Gotham Stage Company presented the world premiere of **Randall David Cook's** play "Sake With the Haiku Geisha" February 24-April 8 at New York's Perry Street Theater. The play, which received strong reviews in the New York media, is described as "part drama, part romantic comedy, part ghost story," and blends traditional Japanese Noh theater with contemporary American drama. It was inspired by Randall's experiences in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program after he graduated from Furman. ■ **Christina Littlejohn** has assumed duties as director of orchestra residencies for the Cleveland

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Homecoming

OCTOBER 20–22

Homecoming at Furman is more than just going back to the place you spent four of the best years of your life. It's sharing your heritage with family and friends, reminiscing with classmates and professors, and enjoying a host of activities planned with you in mind.

All alumni are invited to enjoy the fun and festivities. Classes ending in "1" and "6" will be celebrating special reunions this year. For complete information, visit the Web at <http://alumni.furman.edu>.



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(Ohio) Orchestra. Based in south Florida, she is responsible for the orchestra's year-round activities in support of its annual three-week residency there, which begins in January 2007. She was previously chief executive officer of the Mobile (Ala.) Symphony. ■

BIRTHS: **Andrew and Stacy Nations '93 Burr**, a daughter, Sophie Scott, February 15, Greenville. Andrew is women's soccer coach at Furman. ■ **Doug and Ashley Harper**, a son, Riley, September 16, Thomasville,

Ga. Doug is employed by the Agency for Health Care Administration. ■ **Robert and Stephanie Chappell Mattos**, a daughter, Isabella Grace, October 9, Greenville. ■ **Charles and Kerry Maeland Skara**, a daughter, Nicole,

November 17, Oak Ridge, N.C. ■ **Tim and Kristi Vanderford Woodall**, a daughter, Mae Hollins, May 9, 2005. Kristi is principal of Union (S.C.) High School and serves on the South Carolina Board of Education.

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Next reunion in 2007

Brian Davis has joined the Charlotte, N.C.-based investment bank McColl Partners, LLC, as a director. ■ **David** and **Lisa Lafferty** own That's My Baby!, a maternity and baby clothing store in Albuquerque, N.M. Visit their business Web site at www.mybabymaternity.com. ■ **Curtis Rush** has joined BankGreenville as vice president for commercial lending. He was formerly with The Palmetto Bank. ■ **Katie Walker** was one of more than 750 artists from 74 nations whose work was selected for the fifth Florence (Italy) Biennale International Exhibition of Contemporary Art, held in December. The biennale has been recognized by the United Nations as an official partner in the Dialogue Among Nations program. Artist selection was based on quality and on cultural values represented by their work. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Steven** and **Robyn Bryant**, a daughter, Eleanor Anne, January 25, Greenville. ■ **Kevin** and **Ansley Knox Daniel**, a son, George Garrett, August 24, Marietta, Ga. ■ **Peter** and **Kim Jennings Durst**, a daughter, Ella Bowen, September 24, Mount Pleasant, S.C. ■ **Sean** and **Michelle Compton Hannon**, twin sons, Owen Michael and William Charles, August 30, Westfield, N.J. ■ **Bridget** and **Jon Harper**, a daughter, Bailey McNeil, October 2, Cambridge, Md. ■ **James Feldman** and **Laura Putney**, a daughter, Anna Mireille, October 3, Los Angeles. ■ **Dean** and **Helen Soper Rice**, a son, Jeff, September 6. Helen is an attorney with Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco, P.C., in Atlanta. ■ **David** and **Devon Stamey**, a son, Maxton James, October 29. They live in Mexico City.

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Next reunion in 2008

MARRIAGE: **Chris Knox** and **Lisa Ferqueron**, October 1. Chris is a radiologist with Upper Savannah Radiological Associates in Greenwood, S.C., and Lisa works as a nuclear medicine technologist at Self Regional Healthcare. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Christian** and **Leann Hardison Roberson**, a son, Jack Christian, Jr., September 15, Winder, Ga. ■ **Michael** and **Julie Holliday Wayne**, a daughter, Aubrey Louise, October 14, Advance, N.C.

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Next reunion in 2009

Christine Hehl Templeton of Simpsonville, S.C., an accountant, has joined Neuenhauser Inc., a textile machinery distributor. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Kimberly Joy Fanning** and **Jeffrey Clark Lindsey**, December 17. She is a guidance counselor at Berea High School in Greenville and he is an environmental engineer at S&ME in Spartanburg, S.C. ■ **Jaye Harmon Hensley** and **Brent Lindsay Powell**, October 1. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C. ■ **Diana Miles** and **David Werling**, October 22. She is a senior preservation planner with the Jaeger Company. They live in Athens, Ga. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Taylor** and **Lisa Davis**, a son, William Preston, November 15, Greenville. Taylor is employed by N&H Enterprises, Inc. ■ **Shane** and **Kelley Krieger Gruber**, twin daughters, Janie and Josie, October 14, Delaware, Ohio. Kelley works for the Institute for Human Services. ■ **Chris** and **Carol Abbey Harig**, a daughter, Jane, September 2, Issaquah, Wash. ■ **Preston** and **Beth Clinkscales Scott**, a daughter, Sarah, August 20, Simpsonville, S.C. Beth is controller for Woodruff Chevrolet. ■ **Clarke** '95 and

Jennifer Linvill Scott, a son, Samuel Ambrose, October 18, Smyrna, Ga. ■ **Mark** and **Austin Shelley**, a son, Micah McBride, December 10, Chapin, S.C. Mark is a history teacher at Chapin High School, coach of girls' varsity basketball, assistant coach for boys' and girls' cross country and advisor for the school's Model United Nations program. ■ **Keith** and **Angie Waller**, a son, Andrew Dillon, April 29, 2005, Gallatin, Tenn.

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Next reunion in 2010

Karen Morse is senior teacher librarian at Ridgefield (Conn.) High School. ■ **Brian Wyatt** of Greeneville, Tenn., has become pastor of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Christopher Clapp** and **Jennifer Genz**, July 30. They live in Land O'Lakes, Fla. Christopher is vice president of Great Britain Tile, Inc., a sales and installation company. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Brian** and **Jennifer James Barrineau**, a daughter, Sarah Blythe, July 2. Jennifer is student ministry assistant at First Baptist Church of Columbia, S.C. ■ **Alex** and **Meredith Levesque Pit**, a son, Noah James, August 9, Maastricht, the Netherlands. Alex is an auditor for DSM and Meredith is director of the Joppenhof International Elementary School. ■ **John** and **Mikki Streight** '96 **Ramey**, a son, William James, December 6, Mount Pleasant, S.C.. ■ **Brett** and **Elizabeth Paris Resnick**, a son, Alex Michael, August 17, Midlothian, Va. ■ **Scott** and **Leslie Edwards** '97 **Weikle**, a daughter, Charlotte Stella, October 26. Scott has opened an internal medicine practice in Travelers Rest, S.C.

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This year is reunion! **Christopher McDonald** of Mableton, Ga., is chair of the science department

at Whitefield Academy. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Jonathan** and **Janet Parnell Byers**, a son, Griffith Orr, August 11, Huntersville, N.C. Janet is a risk management consultant for the PMA Insurance Group of Charlotte. ■ **Mike** and **Karen Cram Hoar**, a daughter, Madison Lexi, October 20, Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Nathan** and **Laura Karn**, a son, Nathan, Jr., November 10. Nathan, Sr., has become a partner in the law firm of Evey, Rutch, Black, Dorezas, Magee & Levine, LLP, in Hollidaysburg, Pa. ■ **Chris** and **Nicole Runyon**, a son, Carson, October 18, Ravenel, S.C. Chris is physical

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medicine outpatient coordinator with the Colleton Medical Center. ■ **Marc and Sharon Kay Wilson**, a daughter, Kaytlin, April 29, 2005. Sharon is accounting manager with the Greenville Humane Society.

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Next reunion in 2007

Heather Lynn Griffin Kanipe of Boiling Springs, S.C., has earned her second master's degree, in elementary education, from the University of South Carolina-Upstate. ■ **David Lynn**, a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy, finished his tour of sea duty in December and has been assigned to the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga. ■ **Marcus Paul Rozbitsky**, assistant project manager with I&E Specialties, Inc., in Lexington, S.C., is scheduled to travel to Africa in June with the Peace Corps, where he expects to work as a business advisor to fish farmers in Zambia. ■ **Josh Trevino** has become vice president for public policy at the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco, a regional think tank dedicated to free market and private solutions to public policy challenges. He was previously a speech-writer and communications coordinator for the Secretary of Health and Human Services and a senior consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton. ■ **BIRTHS:** **David** '98 and **Christina Farrell Anderson**, a son, William Scott, November 29, Winston-Salem, N.C. ■ **Hunter and Kristina Scarlatos Denney**, a daughter, Olivia Elena, November 7, Winter Park, Fla. Kristina is an account manager with CorpLogoWare LLC. ■ **Shane and Brandy Ray Duncan**, a daughter, Caroline, January 13, 2005, Rock Hill, S.C. Brandy is a strings teacher in the Rock Hill School District. ■ **Kenneth** '98 and **Kelly Galbert Fields**, a son, Kenton

Edward, February 4, Greenville. ■ **Warren and Susan Clayton** '99 **Kinghorn**, a daughter, Ava Frances, January 30, Durham, N.C. ■ **John and Karalyne Moore Ley**, a son, Andrew, April 15, 2005, Knoxville, Tenn. ■ **Keith and Amy Spencer Pelster**, a daughter, Amanda Grace, November 15, St. Louis, Mo. Amy is a customer service representative for United Health Care and Keith is a manager with Central Parking. ■ **Dave and Kristen Daniell Williams**, a daughter, Grayson McKinley, January 15, 2005, Daniel Island, S.C. ■ **Hank and Whitney Reynolds Yarborough**, a daughter, Claire Louise, October 20, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2008

Jeff McGehee is vice president of business banking with Carolina First Bank in Greenville. ■ **Mark Normington** is employed with South Carolina Telco Federal Credit Union of Greenville. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Amy Henderson** and **Michael Squillacote**, February 26, 2005. Amy is a computer graphics engineer with Kitware, Inc., in Clifton Park, N.Y. ■ **Thomas Mowbray** and **Rosetta Glee Bentley**, October 1. They live in Greenville. ■ **John Rife** and **Kamrin Purser**, May 28, 2005. John owns a commercial real estate development business in Winter Park, Fla. Kamrin is a first-year MBA student in sports business management at the University of Central Florida. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Shane and Stacy Gray Ackermann**, a daughter, Elizabeth Brandon, December 16, Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Alex and Keri Jones** '99 **Forrest**, a son, Asa Cooper, September 19, Louisville, Ky. ■ **John and Amanda Fortner Hendrich**, a daughter, Addison Elise, July 25. Amanda is a third grade teacher in Greenville County. ■ **Andre and Laura Angel Mann**, a son, Silas

Xavier, September 4. ■ **Eddie and Jamie Dorman** '99 **Storey**, twin daughters, Reece Alexandra and Ryan Ashley, October 24. They live in Orlando, Fla., where Eddie is a partner in the law firm of Thorne & Storey.

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Next reunion in 2009

Aaron Bomar recently transferred from the U.S. Army to the U.S. Navy and is training to be a naval aviator. ■ **T.J. and Erin McCasland** '00 **Castello** live in Atlanta where T.J. is director of financial services with Southeastern Data Corporation. Erin earned her master's degree from Georgia State University and is teaching first grade. ■ **Robert Dreslin** has been named the 2006 Outstanding Educator at Oak Grove Middle School in Clearwater, Fla. ■ **Kermit Murphy** is part owner of The Swing Factory, a golf-instruction business in Charlotte, N.C. Visit the Web site at www.swingfactoryofcharlotte.com. ■ **Courtney Tollison**, visiting assistant professor of history at Furman, received the Young Professional of the Year Award from the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce. The honor recognizes an individual between the ages of 22 and 39 for involvement in the community. ■ **Richard Westfall** has joined the tax and audit groups in the Charleston, S.C., office of WebsterRogers. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Jaime Ann Albert** and **Stephen Alexander Campbell**, December 17. Jaime is enrolled at the Medical University of South Carolina, and Stephen is a C-17 pilot stationed at the U.S. Air Force Base in Charleston. ■ **Steven Dodd** and **Shannon Dana Phillips**, August 26. They live in Abingdon, Md. ■ **Jennifer Granger** and **David Guidry**, December 31. They live in New York City where Jennifer is renewals and billing manager

CLASS NOTES POLICY

Because of the large number of submissions and clippings Furman receives for the magazine's class notes section and the time needed to review, compile and edit so much information, news items frequently are not published until five or six months after they are submitted.

Furman magazine does not publish dated items (anything more than 18 months old at time of publication) or engagement announcements. Birth and marriage announcements for alumni couples who graduated in different years are included under the earliest graduation date (except if requested otherwise); they are not listed under both classes. When submitting items, please include your spouse's or child's name, whether your spouse is a Furman graduate, and the date and city where the birth or marriage occurred.

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■ **Heather Handl** and **Brian James**, July 9. They live in Houston, Texas, where Heather is a scientist at Tanox, a biotech company, and Brian works at MD Anderson Cancer Center. ■ **Elizabeth Kirven** and **John Oettinger**, December 17. They live in Louisville, Ky., where she is an actor and he is a dental student. ■ **Karmyn Laverghetta** and **John Michael Garcia**, November 20, 2004. They live in San Diego, Calif. ■ **Amy Ledbetter** and **David Yarrington**, January 7. Amy is a project manager for the VF Corporation and David

is employed by Volvo Commercial Finance. They live in High Point, N.C. ■ **Jaclyn Smith** and Karl Kurz, October 9. They live in Alexandria, Va. Jaclyn is a settlement attorney with Federal Title & Escrow Company. ■ **Neely Tolbert** and **Peter Sullivan** '95, August 6. They live in Atlanta. ■ **BIRTHS:** James and **Mary Jansson Carmon**, a son, James Hale, November 21, St. Simons Island, Ga. ■ **Kyle** and **Lee Outlaw Harris**, a daughter, Kylee Dawn, November 26, Lancaster, S.C. Lee is a kindergarten teacher in the Fort Mill (S.C.) School District. ■ **Kenneth** and Susan **Kuenzli**, twin daughters, Elizabeth and Grace, December 21. Ken is program director with Maxim Healthcare in Greenville and is studying for a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling and a certificate of graduate study in psychiatric rehabilitation from the University of South Carolina.

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Next reunion in 2010

Matthew Head has received his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina and is a self-employed attorney in Greenville. ■ **Craig Hunter** has completed graduate work at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa and now lives in Alexandria, Va. He is an analytic consultant with Thomson Medstat. ■ **Jay Kalbas** was a visiting assistant professor at Bucknell University last fall. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in the earth and atmospheric sciences program at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. ■ **Jill Landry** earned a master's degree in physical therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where she is on staff as a physical therapist. ■ **Reid Breckenridge Murphy** graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in May 2005 and

is now an ophthalmology resident at the school. ■ **Kimberly Petillo** graduated *magna cum laude* from the Albany (N.Y.) School of Law in May 2005. She is an associate with Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in New York City. ■ **Michael Wilkins** has been named vice president by The National Bank of South Carolina. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Robert Clayton Anderson** and **Natalie Freeman**, October 29. She works at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. ■ **Keith Dangel** and **Meredith Moore** '02, October

29. They live in Durham, N.C. ■ **Cathy Ewald** and **James Boland Loftus**, September 17. They live in Castle Rock, Colo., and Cathy works as an interior designer. ■ **Kathryn Hanmer** and **Jeff Elkins**, November 12. They live in Atlanta where Kathryn is a multiage teacher at Inman Park Cooperative Preschool. ■ **Jeffrey Hayes** and **Brittany Thome**, April 2, 2005. They live in Blackville, S.C. ■ **Mckayla Lawson** and **Josh Cairns**, October 22. They live in Lexington, Ky., where Mckayla is a sales associate with Prudential A.S.

deMovellan. ■ **Lewis Tyson Smoak** and **Caroline Healy Dodge** '01, October 1. She is the Southeast sales manager at Capstone Headwear and he is the national account executive at Bumper2Bumper Media. They live in Greenville. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Andrew** and **Natalie Baucum** '01 **Dyk**, a daughter, Sarah Anne, July 6. Natalie teaches in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) School System and Andrew is project manager with Ryan Homes. ■ **Tyler** and **Joy Thigpen**, a daughter, River Maru, May 22, 2005, Vancouver, British

Second degree

Alum arranges for Furman roommate to get replacement diploma

When Hurricane Kena struck the Pacific Coast of Mexico in October 2002, Gabriela Marchesin '00 lost pretty much everything in the storm and its aftermath, including many personal effects that she had treasured.

She was able to rebuild her life, however, and today runs a successful spa, called Artepil, in Puerto Vallarta.

Gaby, who holds dual citizenship in Mexico and the United States, has also kept up with many of her college friends through the years. In February, she enjoyed a reunion with a Furman roommate, Emily Conlon Getz '99.

The reunion came about because Emily's husband, Steven Getz '99, an anesthesiology resident in Winston-Salem, N.C., had been invited to a medical conference in Puerto Vallarta. Knowing about the losses Gaby suffered in the hurricane, Emily, who teaches Spanish at Forsyth Technical Community College, wrote her friend, told her about their planned visit and asked what she missed most from the United States.

Gaby's response: photos. Virtually all of hers had been destroyed in the storm.

"She loved making scrapbooks in college," says Emily, "so I knew she was sad to lose all those mementoes."

Because Emily and Steve each had a set of *Bonhomies* from their student days, they



decided to take the duplicates to Gaby to help refurbish her collection. Then Emily thought of something else: Why not see if Furman could provide a new diploma for Gaby?

Because she was making the request on someone else's behalf, Emily decided she should go straight to the top. This proved to be a smart move, as President David Shi responded to Emily's inquiry by immediately ordering a new diploma for Gaby. He shipped it to Emily with authorization to make the presentation as the university's representative.

The picture accompanying this story is ample proof of Gaby's delight at Emily's surprise. Gaby planned to frame her new diploma and hang it in her office.

Columbia. ■ Jason and **Anna Arlart Winstead**, a son, Henry William, August 25, Laurens, S.C.

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This year is reunion!

Having earned a master's degree in Christian education, **Anna Aaron** began a campus ministry internship at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., in January. ■ **Martha Gasque** earned a master's degree from Wichita State University and is now a band director in the Horry County (S.C.) Schools. ■ Having earned her degree from the Medical University of South Carolina, **Carley Howard** is a pediatric resident in the Greenville Hospital System. ■ **Brian Lingerfelt** was scheduled to earn his M.D. degree this spring from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and then begin residency training in internal medicine. ■ **Daniel "Chip" McQueeney** has graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law and works as a staff attorney for the state Court of Appeals in Columbia. ■ **Christopher Newlin** of West Melbourne, Fla., received a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech and works as a thermal analyst with the Harris Corporation. ■ **Brad Rodgers** of Homewood, Ala., is an associate in the Bradley Arant Rose & White law firm. ■ **Stephen and Hollye Ferguson Stigler** live in Boston, where he is a resident at Massachusetts General Hospital and she works with the State Street Corporation. Stephen earned his medical degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and Hollye earned a master's degree in business administration from Samford University. ■ **Claire Traylor** is living in St. Petersburg, Russia, and is a professor of business English at Baltic State Technical University. She is on a one-year

assignment with ESI-Educational Services International.

■ **Josh Vann** is an associate attorney with Morton & Gettys, LLC, in Rock Hill, S.C. ■ **MARRIAGES: Elizabeth Augenstein and Matthew Smith** '02, August 13. They live in Cranston, R.I., where she is an occupational therapist in the Cranston Public Schools and he is pursuing a degree in art education. ■ **Ashley Carpenter** and **Ramses Cordova**, May 21, 2005. Ashley is a senior financial auditor with Pfizer Inc. They live in Whitestone, N.Y. ■ **Karen DeCastro** and **Gonzalo Jordan**, November 26. Karen is a manager with Credit Suisse in Miami, Fla. ■ **Brian Decker** and **Amy Leicht**, October 22. Brian received a master's degree in Christian studies from Denver Seminary and works as pastor of youth and outreach at Grace Chapel in Castle Rock, Colo. ■ **Megan Hart** and **David Alexander Ness**, March 19, 2005. Megan is assistant to the president of Capitis Healthcare International in Denver, Colo. ■ **Lee Willis** and **Ansley Loftin** '04, April 23, 2005. They live in Athens, Ga. ■ **Shannon Woolf** and **Matthew Connolly**, June 4. Shannon received a master's degree in social work from Georgia State University and is a contractor/therapist at Tomorrow's Hope for Children in Atlanta. ■ **BIRTHS: David and Adair Holliday Dobrowski**, a daughter, Elizabeth Adair, July 6, Apex, N.C. ■ **Todd** and **Jaime Moran**, a daughter, Grace Kathryn Mae, December 23, Nashville, Tenn. ■ **David and Lori Anne Helms Odell**, a son, William Alden, March 25. They live in Oceanside, Calif., where David is a helicopter pilot with the U.S. Marine Corps. ■ **Joel and Hayley Odell Simoneau**, a daughter, Susannah, September 10, Clemson, S.C.

02

Next reunion in 2007

Beth Burry earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at Michigan State University and works as a vocational rehabilitation consultant with Cascade Disability Management, Inc., in Greenville. ■ Having earned his degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law, **Gary Capps** works for Judge Michael Baxley of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Hartsville, S.C. ■ **Meredith Crowell**, who earned her degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, lives in Ormond Beach, Fla., and works for the state's Fifth District Court of Appeals. ■ **Brian Hahne**, young adult and college director at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., has earned a Master of Arts degree in liberal studies from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. ■ **Joya Nicole Holmes** received her Master of Education degree from Winthrop University in December. ■ **Nicole Kennedy** earned her law degree from the University of Miami and is an attorney in Coral Gables, Fla. ■ **Amelia Lacey** of Astoria, N.Y., is a mail order and on-line sales assistant with Workman Publishing. She earned a Master of Science degree in publishing from Pace University. ■ Having graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law, **Andrew MacLeod** is a law clerk in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Columbia. ■ **Kelly Noble** of Marietta, Ga., earned a master's degree in physical therapy from North Georgia College, graduating *magna cum laude*. She is employed by Physiotherapy. ■ **Maya Pai**, previously with the American Red Cross in Huntersville, N.C., moved to the organization's national headquarters in Washington, D.C., in February.

She is an associate in the communications and marketing department, working primarily on internal communication as it relates to finance and disaster. ■ **Jake Roper** is a platoon leader in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Tall Afar, Iraq. He flies the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior. ■ Last August, **Jeffrey Warner** started a four-year tour of duty in the Office of the Army General Counsel Honors Program at the Pentagon. ■ **MARRIAGES: Joshua Cooper** and **Kelly Michelle Morytko**, October 22. Joshua is a special assistant in the press office of the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C., and Kelly works for the Ambulatory Pediatric Association. ■ **Trent Emeneker** and **Laurn Helm**, December 23. They live in San Diego, Calif. Trent is assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. ■ **Patrick Gaughan** and **Andrea Brown** '03, December 30. They live in Gainesville, Fla. ■ **Heather Hatfield** and **Daniel Burton**, August 27. They live in Charleston, S.C., where Heather is director of operations for DD Global, Inc., and Daniel is an inspector on the Cooper River Bridge. ■ **Alison Jordan** and **John Garzon**, September 3. They live in Dorchester, Mass. ■ **Sara Mayfield** and **Joshua Tiegreen**, September 3. They live in Tulsa, Okla., where Sara is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Tulsa. ■ **Catherine Park** and **Robert Frederick Williams**, July 23. They live in Greenwood, S.C. ■ **Jennifer Summerville** and **Stuart Albright**, March 19, 2005. They live in Raleigh, N.C. Jennifer is a Winner's Circle in Schools specialist with the North Carolina Division of Public Health. ■ **BIRTH: David and Arianna McLain Shirk**, a daughter, Madeline Grace, November 13, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Next reunion in 2008

Amanda Lauren Caines has earned a master's degree from Winthrop University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. ■ **Anna Garrett**, assistant director of alumni relations at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., has earned a Master of Education degree from Vanderbilt University. ■ **Elizabeth Holloway Gulley** of Bethlehem, Ga., graduated from Georgia State University in December with a master's degree in interrelated/early childhood special education. ■ **Noah Huffman**, an archivist with the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, Ky., has earned a master's degree in history from the University of Louisville. ■ **Megan Spengeman Larkins** is a policy analyst in the Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. ■ **Chris Lowery** graduated from Clemson University in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He lives in Knoxville, Tenn. ■ **Abigail Simon Lyle** graduated from the University of Miami (Fla.) School of Law and is employed in the Hunton & Williams firm in Miami. ■ **Angela Roberts Masters** is assistant controller with Regional Management Corp., a financial planning group in Mauldin, S.C. She earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Clemson University. ■ **Taylor Nall** has joined the board of the Charlotte, N.C., chapter of AIGA, a professional association for design, as Internet director. ■ **Grady Powell** has been promoted to account executive by the Erwin-Penland advertising firm in Greenville. ■ **Todd Prevost** of Brentwood, Miss., is field sales manager with The Southwestern Company. ■ **John Sinko** and his wife, Anne, are both graduate students at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

John, who received a Master of Science degree in physics from the school in December, is a research assistant working toward a doctorate in physics with an interest in laser propulsion and plasma physics. He presented two papers at an international conference in Nara, Japan, in November.

■ **Holly Towle** of Miami Beach earned a Master of Science degree in reading education from Florida International University. She is a teacher at Miami Country Day School.

■ **MARRIAGES: Joanna Ballard and Tom Mastny**, October 8. Tom plays baseball in the Cleveland Indians' organization, and Joanna is completing law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. ■ **Jason Allen Edwards and Lindsey Ann Wright** '05, July 9. Jason received a master's degree in physics from Clemson University in December and plans to enter graduate school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., in August. Lindsey is a high school mathematics teacher. ■

Nicholas Kaigler and Sydney Mathiesen '05, October 29. They live in Atlanta. ■ **Nicole Kuhne and Alex Martinez**, December 20. They are on assignment with the U.S. Army in El Paso, Texas. ■ **Mary Beth Lemmons** and Russell Edward Young, December 17. They live in Greenville where she is an internal auditor with the county school district and he is an auditor at Ernst & Young, LLP. ■ **Philip Lorish and Lisa Hess**, August 14. They live in Charlottesville, Va. She is in law school at the University of Virginia, where he is enrolled in the religious studies program. ■ **Courtney Powell** and Jamie Ouzts, October 8. Courtney is a physician liaison with AnMed Health of Anderson, S.C. ■ **Carrie Sosebee** (M.A.) and Chad Byce, June 18, 2005. They live in Anderson, S.C.

04

Next reunion in 2009

Elizabeth Atkins Cline works with Ernst & Young in New Orleans. ■ **Ann Hayley McDowell** is a fifth grade teacher in Spartanburg (S.C.) School District 6. She earned a master's degree in special education from Furman.

■ **Eric Charles Gray** is a project assistant with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., in Greenville.

■ **Burton Wilder Jones** is membership marketing director for Girl Scouts of the Old 96 Council, Inc., in Mauldin, S.C.

■ **Adam** '05 and **Hope Yerger Mabry** live just outside Edinburgh, Scotland. Hope is employed by EveryNation Ministries. ■ **Jeff Mullins** is a student at West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown. ■ **Taylor Pierce** moved to Washington, D.C., in March to work as a business consultant for the Government Operating Group of Accenture. ■ **Shayna Rasmussen** of Greenville has been promoted to program manager by the Language House Academy of English.

■ **Molly Ryan** is deal source controller/office manager for The Riverside Company in Lyndhurst, Ohio. ■ **Ryan Stone** is on staff with Redeemer Presbyterian Church of America in Travelers Rest, S.C. He also works for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and is a part-time student at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. ■ **Jimmy West** of Decatur, Ga., earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Georgia State University. ■ **Kristi Leigh Wright** has earned a master's degree in library science at the University of South Carolina and is pursuing an additional certificate in preservation.

■ **MARRIAGES: Heather Carson** and Trent Patterson, January 15. They live in Orlando, Fla., where Heather

has a private voice studio and Trent is associate choral director at Winter Park High School. ■ **Adam Dixon** and **Stephanie Little** '05, December 17. Adam attends chiropractic school in Port Orange, Fla., and Stephanie is a realtor. ■ **Katherine Gallery** and Andrew Fox, October 15. They moved to Paris, France, in February, after Andrew received his Ph.D. and accepted a position at the Institute d'Astrophysique.

■ **Lynsey Richmond** and Scott Merritt, July 2. They live in Sarasota, Fla., where she is the new client coordinator for PBOA, a workers' compensation and payroll company, and he is youth minister at Church of the Redeemer. ■ **Bradleigh Robison** and **Peter Utte**, July 2. They live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

05

Next reunion in 2010

Ashley Ginn has joined the Billy Graham Association in Charlotte, N.C. As an executive assistant and project coordinator, she works with non-profit organizations, national media outlets, and churches and schools throughout the country. ■ **Brant Glover** is a credit manager with Wells Fargo in Gainesville, Ga. ■ **Virginia Simms** has been hired by the Erwin-Penland advertising firm in Greenville. ■ EPCI has added **Christopher White** to the school's Greenville campus as an admissions high school presenter. ■ **MARRIAGES: Tessa Jean Cook** and Richard Garison Taylor, November 26. Tessa is assistant track and cross country coach at Furman and Richard is director of student ministries at Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Greenville. ■ **Andrew Edson** and Jane Stevener, December 17. They live in Arlington, Va., and Andrew is a staff assistant to South Carolina Congressman Bob

Inglis. ■ **Stephanie Erin Rosemary Havey** and Collin Derrick, August 21. She is outreach coordinator for the Florida State Opera in Tallahassee. ■ **Leigh Hughes** and Jason Blackwell, August 13. They live in Gaffney, S.C. ■ **Lauren Kiser** and Blake Meekins, January 7. They live in Columbia, S.C. Blake is a systems analyst with BlueCross BlueShield and Lauren teaches sixth grade social studies at Summit Parkway Middle School. ■ **Rebecca Martin** and Chad Thornhill, July 9. Rebecca is a law student at the University of Georgia.

DEATHS

Mattylou Loadholt Kennedy '27, January 8, Sycamore, S.C.

Lucy Elizabeth McDavid '30, November 29, Greenville. She taught school in Greenville and Spartanburg counties for 40 years and was librarian at Woodmont High School. After retirement, she was active with middle school teachers in Greenville County, promoting Constitution Week programs. She served the Daughters of the American Revolution in numerous leadership positions on both the local and state levels. In 1995, the National Society of the DAR honored her with an award for "Excellence in Community Service." The state of South Carolina awarded her the Order of the Silver Crescent for her dedication, commitment and leadership for the benefit of the state and its citizens.

Ruth Pauline Willis Barton '31, January 8, Greer, S.C. She taught at Taylors and Brushy Creek elementary schools in Greenville County, retiring after 40 years of service.

Samuel Ramsey Cain, Jr. '31, December 8, Union, S.C. He was a retired teacher with Union High School.

Samuel Thaddeus Strom, Sr. '31, January 16, Union, S.C. He was a teacher and principal in Woodruff and Gray Court (S.C.) schools from 1932 to 1946, after which he owned and operated the Western Auto Associate Store in Union from 1946 to 1975. He was a member and president of the Union Lions Club and the Downtown Union Merchants Association and for 18 years served on the Union County School Board. He and his wife researched, authored and published the genealogy book *The Stroms of South Carolina 1765-1983*. He established the Strom Scholarship Fund at Mars Hill (N.C.) College.

Frances Daniel White '37, November 29, Plano, Texas. She was an acclaimed musician who received numerous awards, including South Carolina State Music Champion in Piano and Queen of the Azalea Festival. She was accompanist for the Los Alamos (N.M.) Concert Band and headed the auditioning committee for the Santa Fe Opera. In Denver, Colo., she performed with the Denver Symphony Orchestra and was the organist of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

David Marshall Bradbury "June" Scott, Jr. '38, August 29, Dillon, S.C. He was a star halfback at Furman and was voted Most Valuable his senior season, during which he was co-captain of the football and baseball teams. In 1938, he became a football and baseball coach in High Point, N.C., and he coached in the 1940 Shrine Bowl Game. He left coaching in 1941 to become product engineer with Behr-Manning Corp. in Troy, N.Y., where, except for service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he remained until 1950. That year he purchased a 400-acre tobacco and cotton farm in Dillon. He was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

Catherine Hampton Jordan Smith '38, January 7, Clemson, S.C. She was active in political, social and business affairs in the Clemson community, including initiating the city's first Welcome Wagon service. She won a City Council seat in 1967, becoming the first elected woman official in Pickens County. She was Clemson Mayor Pro Tem through 1974 and eventually became Clemson's first woman mayor by winning a write-in campaign. After completing two terms as mayor, she was re-elected to City Council. She later served as executive director of the Clemson Chamber of Commerce and was vice chair of the South Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Committee. She received the Woman of Distinction Award from the Association of Women Professionals and the Rotary Community Service Award. The Chamber of Commerce named an award in her honor, and the boardroom in Clemson's First Citizens Bank also bears her name. The City of Clemson is currently developing its first water park, to be named the Catherine J. Smith Plaza.

Vincent Holley Alexander '39, December 7, Greenville. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a retired accountant for Liberty Life.

F.H. "Buck" Crouch '39, September 6, West Covina, Calif. He had a long and successful career with Sonoco Products Company and retired in 1982 from the company's Western Region.

Louise Bailey Wykes '39, M.A. '69, November 28, Greenville. A longtime teacher in the Greenville County schools, she was appointed by Gov. Strom Thurmond in 1947 to a committee to study the public schools of South Carolina and make recommendations to the General

Assembly for improvements. She was named Greenville County's Teacher of the Year in 1977. She served on the boards of such organizations as the Greenville Mental Health Association, United Way, Educators Federal Credit Union and American Association of University Women. She was active in the Greenville County Democratic Party and was on the board of the League of Women Voters.

Caroline Jennings Pace Chermiside '40, December 16, Blacksburg, Va. She was retired from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where she taught English for 18 years. In addition to teaching, she was an illustrator and editor.

Joseph Corbett '40, March 28, 2005, Orangeburg, S.C.

Casper Roy Babb, Jr. '41, January 30, LaFayette, La. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Worth Collins Grant '41, December 18, West Palm Beach, Fla. He was a Southern Baptist minister and missionary. Following World War II he and his family went to Japan, where he founded Sendai Baptist Church. For 25 years he continued to minister throughout Japan before returning to the States, where he worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Washington, D.C., and pastored Temple Baptist Church. A noted Greek scholar, he returned to the Far East many times as a missionary and established a Japanese language church in Hong Kong.

Mary Kirk Johnson Griffith '41, December 5, Laurens, S.C. She was involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution, with which she was a regent.

Carlisle Perrin Smith '42, January 13, Palm City, Fla.

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Evelyn Rowell Dill McNeely '43, December 28, Greenville. She was retired from Cone Elementary School, where she taught for 42 years.

Jerrold Watson, Sr. '43, February 17, Monetta, S.C. A peach and vegetable grower for 60 years, he received the prestigious Mr. Peach Award in 1997 and the National

Outstanding Peach Grower Award in 1996 for his contributions to the peach industry. He served on the S.C. Governor's Agriculture Advisory Council and the S.C. Farm Bureau Fruit Commodity Board, and was president of the National Peach Council and the Ponderosa Country Club. He also served on the

boards of Federal Land Bank and NationsBank and was a member of the Batesburg-Leesville Moose Club and Lions Club. He was in the Naval Air Corps during World War II in the Pacific theatre.

Ralph Lattimore, Sr. '44, January 24, Greenville. He was a retired Baptist minister,

having served churches in Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina. He also held several interim pastorates after retirement. He served on the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and was vice president of the convention and of the South Carolina Pastor's Conference.

Mother of the Year

As a mother of four and a veteran of 27 years of teaching in elementary schools, Jean Orr Belcher has had a strong influence on hundreds of youngsters.

One of her major causes has been to inspire children — and, indeed, all members of the community — to enjoy and support the fine arts.

Now, she has a bully pulpit from which to promote her love for the arts: She is the South Carolina Mother of the Year.

Belcher, a 1953 Furman graduate and resident of Barnwell, was honored in late March at a reception at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia. In April, she traveled to South Dakota for the national Mother of the Year convention.

Appropriately enough, she was nominated for the award by one of her "children" — the Barnwell County Arts Council, which she was instrumental in starting and which she directed for four years.

Her youngest daughter, Miriam Belcher Ponder, told *The State* newspaper, "She is an amazing woman. She did it all, did it well and was a wonderful role model."

Indeed. She worked side by side with her husband, Posey Belcher '54 (H '82), during his distinguished career as a Baptist minister in the Carolinas. Her talents in the classroom led to her being named Teacher of the Year in Walterboro, S.C. At every opportunity

State's top mom a strong advocate for children, the arts

along the way, she promoted the value of the arts, encouraging community interest and support.

In recent years, Jean has worked to help revitalize the town of Barnwell and to dedicate a park recognizing the history of the town and state. In 1998 she was named Barnwell County Woman of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Her children benefited from their mother's patience, determination and quiet strength. All four were the valedictorians of their high school classes and went on to graduate *magna cum laude* from Furman — just like their mother.

With that track record, it's not surprising that she was named the state's top mom.

"She guided us," daughter Elizabeth Belcher Mixon told *The State*. "She knew when to wear the right hat. She knew when I needed just a listening ear. Even when I didn't ask, she knew when I needed advice. I never remember her raising her voice."

Philip Belcher said that his mother "encouraged her children to do their best at all they did. That was a lesson I took with me."

Evidently, his siblings did as well. David '79, a concert pianist, is provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock; Philip '82 is president of the Mary Black Foundation in Spartanburg, S.C.; Elizabeth Mixon '87 is director of choral



Jean and Posey Belcher have been married for 51 years.

activities and chair of visual and performing arts at Northwestern High in Rock Hill, S.C.; and Miriam Ponder '91 of Blythewood, S.C., is a financial analyst for Computer Sciences Corporation.

In a fitting tribute to their parents, the Belcher children established the Belcher Organ Fund at Furman. The first concert in the series was held last fall.

Today, Jean Belcher is no doubt enjoying the chance to pass on her caring nature, civic-mindedness and love of the arts to yet another generation — her five grandchildren.

So it's likely that this mother's influence won't end any time soon.

He was a trustee of the *Baptist Courier*, was a trustee and chair of the board of North Greenville Junior College, was moderator of the York (S.C.) Baptist Association, and was a special minister to Brazil through the Foreign Mission Board. He was past president of the American Cancer Society for Fairfield County (S.C.), was chaplain for the York and Pickens County Soil and Water Conservation District, and, in 1983, was chosen Chaplain of the Year for the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts.

Mary Moulton Manuel '44, January 24, Greenville. She taught English at the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston for many years and later became dean of students before retiring in the early 1980s. She served in the Navy Waves during World War II.

Calvin Ferb Stansell, Jr. '45, February 15, Athens, Ga. A former textile chemical salesman, he worked at Vend Food Services and Orkin Exterminating Company before becoming stockroom manager for the chemistry department at the University of Georgia. He was active in Kiwanis, serving in a number of leadership positions, and was instrumental in starting several new Kiwanis Clubs in northeast Georgia. He worked tirelessly for the Special Olympics and was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge. He was also a Mason and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Frances Stevenson Scott '46, February 28, Columbia, S.C. She played the cello and was a former member of the Columbia Philharmonic Orchestra, was a volunteer at the State Hospital, and was honored with a life membership by the Women of the Presbyterian Church.

Anne Varn Thompson '46, January 11, Morganton, Ga. She was a retired elementary school teacher and an active church and community volunteer.

Frank Austin Grover '47, December 1, Piedmont, S.C. He retired after 32 years of service in public education, including his final position as a principal at Williamston (S.C.) Elementary School.

Flonnie Lewis Mitchell '47, November 19, Coronado, Calif.

Mary Ann Sloan Moore '47, January 31, Columbia, S.C. She was a retired public school teacher in York County, S.C.

Jacqueline Morse Parks '47, December 27, Greenville.

Elaine Chapman Karst '48, M.A. '78, February 23, Greenville. She taught at high schools and elementary schools in upstate South Carolina, retiring from Mauldin Elementary where she received the school's Teacher of the Year Award in 1981 and was a finalist for the Greenville County award. She organized the kindergarten program at Overbrook Baptist Church in Greenville.

Sara Louise Bagwell Kay '48, January 5, Spartanburg, S.C. She was retired from Belk-Hudson Company.

Margaret Little Proffitt '48, December 30, Charlotte, N.C.

James A. Boling, Sr. '50, February 8, Taylors, S.C. He was retired after 52 years as a State Farm insurance agent and was a member of Greenville Life Underwriters Association. He was a former commissioner of the Wade Hampton Water & Sewer District, was chief executive officer of Eminent Palmetto Real Estate Trust, and was a member of Masons, Hejaz Shrine Temple and Civitans. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Wiley Bumgarner '50, January 30, Crawfordville, Fla. He was pastor of several Baptist churches in the Carolinas and Virginia, taught school in Nevada, Arizona and North Carolina, and authored four books on prayer and religion. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

William McKinney, Sr. '50, January 23, Fountain Inn, S.C. As a teen-ager he was a member of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra, playing the bassoon. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and was an electrical contractor by profession. He was a former Scoutmaster, was president of Golden Strip Civitan Club and was lieutenant governor of District 22 S.C. Civitans. He served on the Mauldin Zoning Board for six years and was secretary of the Greenville County GOP for five years.

Frances Elizabeth Godfrey Rutledge, M.A. '54, January 24, Greenwood, S.C. She began her teaching career in Laurens, S.C., moved to Dunean Elementary School in Greenville and later became the first principal at Greenbrier Elementary School. She was a member of the Star Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the John Boswell Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, the Magna Charta Dames, the Colonial Order of the Crown and the Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Honor Society.

Hugo Alberto Duarte '55, February 14, Statesville, N.C. He taught at North Greenville College, at Gaston College in Gastonia, N.C., and at East Lincoln High School in Denver, N.C. He was a member of Concerned Citizens for Justice and did volunteer work as a member of the Reserves at the Gastonia Sheriff's Department.

Thomas Leonard, Jr. '55, December 17, Greer, S.C. He was a Baptist minister who served South Carolina churches in Conestee, Clinton and Landrum. He was in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Marion Francis Truett '55, January 5, Taylors, S.C.

Kenneth Douglas Tatham '57, December 10, Covington, La. He was a retired deep sea diver for Brown & Root and Taylor Diving & Salvage Co.

Alvin Dean Crocker '58, January 5, Rock Hill, S.C. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he became a Southern Baptist minister and served churches in Senoia, Ga., and Monticello, Ga. He also worked with Daniel Construction and Reliance Electric, owned Neely's Creek Enterprises, was a seamster and master builder, was a photographer for the *Rock Hill Herald*, and ran the bulletin board for Winthrop University in Rock Hill.

Adrian Rashley '59, February 5, Taylors, S.C. He was a former teacher and assistant principal at Sans Souci Junior High School and Greenville Middle School. At the time of his retirement, he was director of food service for the Greenville County School District and a member of the South Carolina Food Service Association. He was a member of Gideons International and served in the U.S. Army.

May Hourani '60, January 1, Beirut, Lebanon. She had been a geographer with the Defense Mapping Agency in Washington, D.C.

Douglas Jerome Jones, Jr. '60, December 11, Charleston, S.C. His medical internship and residency were in internal medicine endocrinology. He was owner, medical director and principle of Metabolic Medical Centers of South

Alumni Board's Revels dies at 65

The Furman family and the Alumni Association Board of Directors suffered a major loss April 19 when James G. "Buddy" Revels, Jr. '62 died of a heart attack in Louisville, Ky. He was 65.

Revels was a native of Hattiesburg, Miss., and for the last 10 years had been a teacher at Jefferson County High School. Before then he spent 18 years as a Baptist minister in South Carolina and Georgia. He also taught history at Mississippi College, and he worked at Furman for several years in the late 1970s, in development and student services. He was elected to the Alumni Board in 2002.

Tom Triplitt, head of the Alumni Association, said, "Buddy was passionate about alma mater and fiercely loyal and supportive. He had a way of making everyone around him feel good. He was a wonderful ambassador for Furman and credited Furman with much of his success."

Revels' family has asked that memorials be made to Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C., 29613, and to designate the gift to the Buddy Revels Fund.

Carolina. He was a member of the American Board of Endocrinology, Charleston County Medical Society, National Lipid Association and the Huguenot Society of South Carolina.

Sandra Havelin Burdette '61, January 6, Katy, Texas. She began teaching pre-school in 1972 and continued in pre-school education until she began working in special education. She retired from teaching in 1994, after which she co-founded the Katy/Richmond/Rosenberg Area Multiple Sclerosis support group.

Shirley Reeves Moore '61, December 26, Starr, S.C. She retired from Concord Elementary School after teaching for 32 years.

Dianne Hurst Green '62, January 5, Morristown, Tenn. For many years she was a social worker in Abingdon, Va., and East Tennessee.

James Dale Cody '66, November 27, Mauldin, S.C. He was retired from the U.S. Navy, having served in Vietnam.

Ellen Nikula Taylor '66, January 10, Holland, Mich. She taught on the Holland campus of Davenport University and chaired the communications department for several years until her retirement in 2005. She served on the Holland Township Planning Commission and was a member of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Sandra Kay Veach Ground, M.A. '67, December 11, Greenville. She spent her 41-year career working with young children and early childhood professionals. She taught in Belton, S.C., Denver, Colo., and Las Vegas, Nev., although most of her service was to the children of South Carolina in the Department of Social Services, the Governor's Office and the Department of Health &

Human Services. She was a longstanding member of the South Carolina Association for Children Under Six, the South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Nell Moseley Ramsey, M.A. '67, January 31, Gaffney, S.C. She was retired from the Cherokee County school system with 36 years of service. She was a former director of Special Services of Cherokee County, which she was influential in founding.

Gerhardt "Gary" Suhrstedt '68, December 29, Somerville, Mass. An accomplished musician, he was an organ soloist and clinician who taught music and piano at South Shore Conservatory and at Tufts University. His wife, Barbara, was also an accomplished concert pianist; they performed as a duo in 40 states as well as in Canada and Russia. He was a member of the board of FLAME (Framingham Lomonosov Association for Mutual Exchange) in Framingham, Mass., a Russian Sister City Organization.

Mary Tee Elizabeth Risk Cavin, M.A. '73, Roseville, Calif. She was a regional Girl Scout leader and taught high school French and English in Menlo, Ga. She later moved to Greer, S.C., earned her master's degree in library science and became a middle school librarian in the Greenville County school system.

Arthelia S. Warner '74, April 20, Gainesville, Ga. She worked at Furman for 21 years as manager and director of information systems and also worked for many years with the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. She served as a substitute teacher in the Gainesville school system.

Ronald Carlay, M.A. '75, February 4, Laurens, S.C. He was a professional engineer, employed with the Torrington Company and with Jacobs Engineering. He was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Grace Shepard, M.A. '77, December 7, Greenville. She was a high school teacher in the Anderson, S.C., school system.

John Allen Waters '84, February 13, Anderson, S.C. He had served in the U.S. Air Force and was retired from the BASF Corporation.

David Eugene "Dewey" Willard '87, March 8, Greenville. He was employed with Hitachi for 12 years.

Millicent Lee Burns '94, January 28, West Palm Beach, Fla. She worked in the decorative arts field with the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other galleries in New York and Philadelphia.

Janis McCollum Childs '01, January 20, Pickens, S.C. She was a co-owner of Napa Auto Parts of Pickens.

Ellen Stewart Smith, February 6. Wife of former Furman religion professor T.C. Smith, she taught English at North Greenville College and later worked in the library at Furman. She was a past president of the Greenville chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Kelli Tate Morris, April 21, Greenville. She joined the Furman development staff last fall as director of stewardship after more than 14 years at Winthrop University, most of them in development. At Winthrop she was director of annual giving and was instrumental in founding the South Carolina Annual Giving Officers Association.

Playing for a cause

Alumni release CDs whose proceeds benefit others

Two Furman alumni, one of whom teaches music at the university, have recently released well-received recordings whose profits go toward charity.

Bobby Holliday '72, a well-known musician in the Greenville area, has produced "Crown of the Carolinas," a 17-song collection that features guitars, dobro, mandolin and violin and celebrates his love of nature and of the Western Carolinas.

GRITZ magazine, the "Digital Southern Music Magazine," described "Crown of the Carolinas" as "nothing short of a beautiful piece of work from some of Carolina's best players. Bobby Holliday and friends turn in a musical journey that evokes the true feeling of a walk in the Blue Ridge Mountains, or fishing off of a rock in a mountain river."

Holliday, who worked on the CD for seven years and wrote all the music and lyrics, performed in the Greenville area during his high school and college days, most notably with the band The Bojax. He later moved to Nashville, Tenn., to work in the music industry before returning to the Greenville area in the mid-1990s.

Of "Crown of the Carolinas," he says, "The goal from the beginning was to create a souvenir honoring the natural beauty of the Upstate. One of the many attractions of Furman is its location. The CD would remind alumni of the beauty of this area, and hopefully of their experiences at Furman."

And, as he told *The Greenville News*, "Crown" represents an effort to "inspire, educate [and] arouse curiosity, as well as to entertain." To help him promote this goal, he received a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission.

"Crown of the Carolinas" is the first CD produced by Red Hill Records, whose president is an old friend of Holliday's, Greenville businessman Randy Mathena '71. Mathena says,

"It's a labor of love and not designed for profit but for praise of our Upstate. The profits go to charitable groups."

To hear samples from the recording or to order the CD, visit the Web at www.redhillsrecords.com.

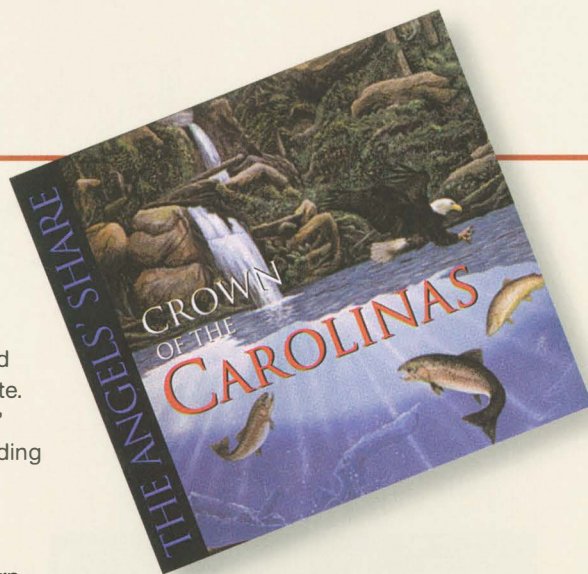
Anita Burroughs-Price '82, harp professor at Furman and principal harpist with the North Carolina Symphony, has produced a CD titled "Healing Touch." Featuring music of hope, reflection and consolation, it received the 2006 Excellence in Media "Silver Angel Award."

Excellence in Media is a group dedicated to the promotion of quality family-oriented programming in all facets of communication. The award honors works of outstanding moral, ethical, and/or social impact in television, film, music, radio, print or video.

According to *Classical Voice*, an on-line arts journal, "Healing Touch" is notable for "the consistency of the program and the high quality of its presentation." Burroughs-Price is joined on the recording by other members of the North Carolina Symphony; the 15 selections range from classical pieces to hymns, spirituals and popular melodies.

Burroughs-Price, who lives in Raleigh and holds a master's degree from Yale University, frequently volunteers to perform for churches, charities, soup kitchens, hurricane shelters and prisons. In 1999 she was awarded the Raleigh Medal of Arts, the city's highest award, for "outstanding artistry and humanitarian service."

A portion of the proceeds from sales of "Healing Touch" goes to two Raleigh-based charities: Interact of Wake County, which assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and Interfaith Food Shuttle. The CD is available by e-mail, 47strings@bellsouth.net.



Burroughs-Price's colleague on the music faculty, director of jazz studies **Matt Olson**, has produced a CD titled "Vortex."

The CD, the first by the saxophonist, was completed with the help of a Furman faculty grant. Three of Olson's own compositions, including the title cut, are featured.

Olson, a native of Racine, Wis., earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from Northwestern University and his doctorate from the University of Illinois. He joined the Furman faculty in 2002.

An active clinician and soloist, he has performed with such artists as Doc Severinsen, Manhattan Transfer, Aretha Franklin, Johnny Mathis, Wayne Newton and Lou Rawls.

Three of the musicians who accompany Olson on the CD live in Phoenix, Ariz., where it was produced. It is receiving play on jazz radio stations nationwide.

According to Don Owens, professor emeritus at Northwestern University, "Vortex" represents "a true collaboration: gifted individuals coming together to make expressive music."

To learn more, visit the Web at www.mattolsonmusic.com or www.cdbaby.com/cd/molson.

The Furman bookstore features a wide variety of CDs by alumni, faculty, students and student groups. Call (864) 294-2164 to learn more.